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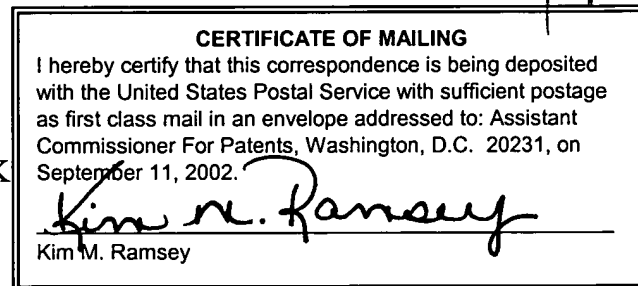
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Tatarka, et al.  
Appl. No.: 09/431,931  
Filed: November 1, 1999  
For: PUNCTURE RESISTANT, HIGH SHRINK  
FILMS, BLENDS, AND PROCESS

Group Art Unit: 1773  
Examiner: M. Jackson



September 11, 2002

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Sir:

In reply to the Official Action dated March 11, 2002, for which a three (3) month extension of time is requested, making the deadline for reply September 11, 2002, please amend the application as follows. The claims have been amended. No new matter has been added.

In The Claims:

93. (Twice Amended) A biaxially stretched, heat shrinkable, multilayer film useful for food processing and packaging having at least four layers comprising:

a first heat sealing surface layer comprising a polymer or blend of polymers selected from the group consisting of: (a) at least 50% by weight of a copolymer of propene and at least one  $\alpha$ -olefin selected from the group consisting of ethylene, butene-1, methylpentene-1, hexene-1, octene-1 and mixtures thereof having a propene content of at least 60 wt. %, and (b) at least 50% by weight of a copolymer of ethylene and at least one  $\alpha$ -olefin selected from the group consisting of propylene, butene-1, methylpentene-1, hexene-1, octene-1 and mixtures thereof having a melting point of at least 105°C and a density of at least 0.900 g/cm<sup>3</sup>;

a second polymeric layer comprising a blend of (a) from 25 to 85 wt. % of a first polymer having a melting point of 55 to 95°C comprising a copolymer of ethylene and octene-1; (b) from 5 to 35 wt. % of a second polymer having a melting point of 115°C to 128°C comprising a

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